

Trinity Dip TESOL Reading List

Area of ELT	Book titles	Notes on the titles
General ELT	<p>Required: You must get both of these books</p> <p>1) Lightbown, P. Spada, N. (2013) <i>How Languages are Learned</i></p> <p>2) Thornbury, S. (2013) <i>Big Questions in ELT</i>.</p>	<p>Try to get the most recent edition of the Lightbown and Spada title.</p> <p>Big Questions is an e-book so it's readily available and it's the first title you should get as we'll be using it in the first two weeks of the course. Ideally, read this book, or as much as you can before you get started on the course.</p>
Approaches and methods	<p>You can choose <i>any</i> of these 3 titles- you only need 1 of them</p> <p>Larsen-Freeman, D. & Anderson M. (2011). <i>Techniques and Principles in Language Teaching</i>.</p> <p>Richards, J. & Rogers, T. (2001). <i>Approaches and Methods in Language Teaching</i>. Cambridge: CUP.</p> <p>Thornbury, S. (2017). <i>30 Language Teaching Methods</i>. Cambridge: CUP.</p>	<p>The title you choose will be required in week 4 on the course so it's important to prioritise getting one of these soon.</p> <p>The Thornbury book is available on Amazon Kindle and is the most up to date book on the subject area. However, it is not as thorough on the subject of methods as the Larsen-Freeman book.</p> <p>The Richards and Rogers book is considered by many as the holy grail when it comes to Approaches and Methods but some of the other books here have a more modern feel. Try to get the most recent editions you can of any of these books.</p>
Language knowledge	<p>Required:</p> <p>Thornbury, S. (1997). <i>About Language</i>. Cambridge: CUP.</p>	<p>This book will be required a little later in the course, from week 5. However, it's a very good title to work on in your own time and as soon as possible. It has an answer section in the back so it's ideal for self-study and I challenge you to find a successful Dip or Delta candidate who didn't find it incredibly useful!</p>
Phonology	<p>You only need 1 of these two titles but some candidates like to have both</p> <p>Underhill A. (1994). <i>Sound Foundations</i>. London: Heinemann.</p> <p>Kelly, G. (2000). <i>How to Teach Pronunciation</i></p>	<p>Underhill is probably the more famous of the two names here, but the Kelly book covers very similar ground and is a very accessible text on the topic.</p>

The above titles are required reading on the [DublinTEFL Trinity College London Dip TESOL](#). As well as the core reading above, you will want and need to make use of a wider range of published resources.

Here is a [link to our longer bibliography](#), broken down into different areas on the course.